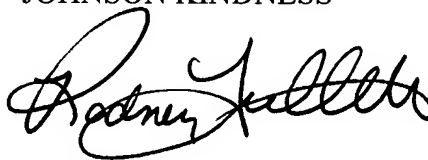


REMARKS

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment received in this application, Applicant has inserted proper status identifiers. Applicant respectfully restates a request that Claims 13-27 be canceled without prejudice. Thus, Claims 1-12 are pending in the present application.

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